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SAINT PETER CLAVER—SEEKING PEACE, RACIAL RECONCILIATION AND HEALING IN OUR COMMUNITIES



Wednesday, September 9, is the feast of Saint Peter Claver, the patron saint of African Americans and of ministry to enslaved peoples. In recognition of his feast day, the continuing unrest in many of our nation's cities, and need to seek peace, racial reconciliation, and healing in our communities, the USCCB Ad Hoc Committee Against Racism is inviting parishes to celebrate the Mass that day in a special way.

Mass formularies may include (from the *Roman Missal*, Masses and Prayers for Various Needs and Occasions):

- ✘ Mass for the Preservation of Peace and Justice (#30)
- ✘ Mass for Promoting Harmony (#15)
- ✘ Mass for the Progress of Peoples (#29)
- ✘ Mass for the Nation or State (#21)

One or more of the following (or similar) petitions may be used that day or on the preceding Sunday:

- ✘ For the Church, that we may respond boldly to the Holy Spirit's call to act together for racial reconciliation, healing and peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- ✘ For our public officials, that they will strive to work for quality education, adequate housing, and equal opportunities for employment for all, let us pray to the Lord.
- ✘ That our homes and communities may become havens of peace, truth and justice, let us pray to the Lord.
- ✘ For the grace to see every human being as a child of God, whatever their race or ethnic background may be, let us pray to the Lord.
- ✘ For healing and justice for all those who have experienced violence and racism, let us pray to the Lord.

